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1. PRES FORD'S TRIP

REUTER'S MACKENZIE, IN PEKING, REPORTS PRES AND TANAKA
AGREED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE THAT US AND JAPAN WILL SEEK
TO EXPAND AND DIVERSIFY ENERGY SUPPLIES, DEVELOP NEW
ENERGY SOURCES AND CONSERVE SCARCE FUELS. ADDED THAT US
AND JAPAN 'ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE' TO ENHANCING COOPERA-
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TION AMONG CONSUMING COUNTRIES AND INTEND TO PURSUE HARMONI-

OUS RELATIONS WITH PRODUCING NATIONS; SAID BOTH COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE CONSTRUCTIVELY IN MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN AID TO DEVELOPING NATIONS IN AGRICULTURE; COMMUNIQUE STRESSED THAT US AND JAPAN WILL SEEK TO ENCOURAGE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN ASIA-PACIFIC AREA, AND REAFFIRMED ADHERENCE OF BOTH TO MST. COMMUNIQUE FURTHER CALLED ON ALL COUNTRIES TO PURSUE ADDITIONAL ARMS LIMITATIONS AND ARMS REDUCTION MEASURES, STRESSED GROWING ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL COUNTRIES, AND SAID US AND JAPAN WILL SEEK TO REDUCE TARIFF AND OTHER TRADE DISTORTIONS.

IN JAPAN PRESS CLUB SPEECH, PRES RENEWED US GUARANTEE OF JAPAN'S SECURITY, GAVE ASSURANCES US WILL FULFILL ITS ECONOMIC COMMITMENTS IN WORLD, AND APPEALED FOR JAPANESE

TO JOIN US IN ALLIANCE THAT WOULD PROVIDE MODEL FOR DEALING WITH INFLATION AND RECESSION PROBLEMS. SUN'S TREWHITT NOTES PRES "MADE AN ELABORATE BOW" TO JAPAN'S STRATEGIC ROLE, THOUGH ITS CONSTITUTION RULES OUT OFFENSIVE MILITARY CAPABILITY. IN LIGHT OF EMPEROR'S ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION TO VISIT US, PRES' ADDRESS CHOSE TO UNDERSCORE THE POSITIVE IN HIS FIRST MAJOR SEMI-PUBLIC APPEARANCE THERE. HE LET JAPANESE KNOW THERE WILL BE NO REPETITION OF 'NIXON SHOCKS.'" TO WP'S KILPATRICK/OBERDORFER, PRES' TELLING PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON THAT US "WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUPPLIERS OF THE GOODS YOU NEED" WAS EFFORT TO ASSURE JAPAN THAT US WILL NOT RESORT AGAIN TO EXPORT CONTROLS ON SOYBEANS AND OTHER PRODUCTS. WHETHER IN PRIVATE TALKS PRES WAS MORE PRECISE IN THAT PLEDGE WAS UNCLEAR; BUT JAPANESE WANTED IT SPECIFIC. MAIN BURDEN OF ADDRESS WAS TO EMPHASIZE CONTINUITY OF US POLICY AND BASIC CONCERN FOR US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP (ALSO EXCERPTED IN PHINQ). NYT'S HERBERS OBSERVES THAT PRES' CALL FOR NEW ALLIANCE TO ATTACK ECONOMIC WOES APPARENTLY WAS NOT PROPOSAL FOR FORMAL NEW ARRANGEMENT, BUT RATHER, CALL FOR INFORMAL MOVE TOWARD CLOSER COOPERATION. ALTHOUGH JOINT COMMUNIQUE EXQJESSING AREAS OF AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED WHEN TALKS END, VISIT IS INTENDED LARGELY AS SYMBOLIC

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EXPRESSION OF GOODWILL, AND IN THIS HE HAS DISPLAYED UNINHIBITED ENTHUSIASM. (RADIO-TV COMMENTS ON COMMUNIQUE TEXT CARRY THIS THEME).

KILPATRICK/OBERDORFER NOTE PRES' ADDRESS CAME BEFORE HE ENTERED FINAL ROUND OF TALKS WITH TANAKA GOVT "THAT IS LIKELY TO BE OUT OF OFFICE BY THIS TIME NEXT WEEK." SHAKINESS OF GOVT, TOGETHER WITH WEAKNESS OF FORD ADMIN

AT HOME, THEY CONTEND, HAVE COMBINED TO CAST CLOUD OVER WHAT BOTH PRES AND JAPANESE LEADERS HAD HOPED WOULD BE HISTORIC ENCOUNTER, LEADING TO CLOSER UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. JAPANESE PRESS REFLECTED SENSE OF PRIDE IN THIS FIRST VISIT OF AN AMERICAN PRES AND SUSPICION THAT CONCRETE DECISIONS ARE NOT BEING MADE IN FORD'S TALKS WITH TANAKA, WHO HAS REPORTEDLY MADE UP HIS MIND TO RESIGN. GOJ'S DELICATE POLITICAL SITUATION MAY HELP EXPLAIN LACK OF VISIBLE PROGRESS ON MAJOR QUESTIONS IN FIRST ROUND OF TALKS TUESDAY. JAPANESE SOURCES DESCRIBED SESSION AS RAMBLING, FRIENDLY CHAT IN GENERALITIES, WITHOUT FIXED AGENDA OR MAJOR CONCLUSION.

TREWHITT SAYS TANAKA'S POLITICAL LIFE "NOW MAY BE MEASURED IN DAYS." IN ONE SENSE, IN HIS PRESS CLUB TALK, PRES APPEARED TO BE TALKING OVER TANAKA'S HEAD

TO JAPANESE GOVT AND PEOPLE. WSJ'S PEARLSTINE CONTENTS TUESDAY SHOULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF TANAKA'S "GREAT DAYS" AS HE HELD SMOOTH-GOING TALKS WITH FORD; HOWEVER, PM'S GOOD MOOD MUST HAVE BEEN TEMPERED BY KNOWLEDGE THAT LDP LEADERS SPENT MOST OF DAY BUSILY PREPARING TO SELECT HIS SUCCESSOR. PRESSURE TO RESIGN HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO SUBSIDE DURING FORD VISIT, "BUT IF ANYTHING, IT HAS INTENSIFIED." JAPANESE POLITICIANS GENERALLY SAY RESIGNATION IS ALL BUT INEVITABLE, AND MANY THINK IT COULD COME EARLY AS NEXT WEEK. BUT WHILE THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT HE WILL DEPART, THERE IS NO CONSENSUS ABOUT HIS SUCCESSOR. PEARLSTINE OBSERVES THAT ALTHOUGH TANAKA'S WEAKENED POSITION MAY HAVE LESSENED SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS TALKS WITH FORD, US DIPLOMATS, INCLUDING HAK, HAVE PROFESSED LITTLE CONCERN THAT HIS

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RESIGNATION WOULD HAVE ANY ADVERSE EFFECT ON LONG-TERM US-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

ACCORDING TO CHITRIB'S BECKMAN, TALKS APPARENTLY HAVE PRODUCED AGREEMENT THAT JAPAN WILL LIFT BAN AGAINST IMPORTING US BEEF. BEEF IMPORTS DISCUSSIONS WERE APPARENTLY ONLY ONES THAT WOULD PRODUCE, OR WERE EVEN AIMED AT, ANY AGREEMENT. DESPITE LACK OF REAL SUBSTANCE IN TALKS, IMPORTANCE OF VISIT TO JAPANESE OFFICIALS WAS PERHAPS ACCURATELY REFLECTED IN MAINICHI STORY THAT TOKYO "HAS FINALLY PROVEN NOT TO BE THE FOREVER FORBIDDEN CITY FOR AN INCUMBENT US PRESIDENT."

ON ENERGY MATTERS, TREWHITT FOUND IT "ALREADY CLEAR" THAT OFFICIAL ENTHUSIASM FOR SYMBOLISM OF PRES' VISIT

DID NOT TRANSLATE INTO ACCEPTANCE OF US POLICIES. OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVTS MADE IT CLEAR THAT JAPAN, DETERMINED NOT TO ANGER ARABS, IS UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT US PLAN FOR COORDINATED ENERGY POLICY. THEY ALSO LEFT UNRESOLVED BY DESIGN SENSITIVE QUESTION OF US VESSELS CARRYING NUKES THROUGH JAPANESE WATERS. PRES REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED "APPRECIATION" FOR JAPAN'S SENSITIVITY ON THIS ISSUE; BUT US OFFICIALS ALSO SUGGESTED US WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IT HAS BEEN DOING. TOKYO GOV MINOBE TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO DISCUSS NUKE ISSUE DURING COURTESY CALL ON PRES, BUT ACCORDING MINOBE, PRES SAID SUBJECT SHOULD ONLY BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN GOVT LEADERS, AND THAT HE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED IT WITH TANAKA. MINOBE CAME AWAY "VERY DISSATISFIED" (KILPATRICK/OBERDORFER; NYT'S HALLORAN; SUN). NUKE ISSUE WAS ONLY DISCORDANT NOTE IN VISIT, SAYS CSM'S SOUTHERLAND. S-N'S JOHNSTON FINDS THAT NUKE ISSUE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN "PERVASIVE, BUT MINOR" IRRITANT. ASKED ABOUT NUKES, HAK RESPONDED WITH "CALCULATED

VAGUENESS" THAT PRES HAD EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR JAPAN'S SPECIAL SENSITIVITIES AND THAT PROBLEM WILL BE DEALT WITH IN MST FRAMEWORK. BUT IN OFFICIAL JAPANESE BRIEFING, TANAKA WAS MORE SPECIFIC, ASSERTING THAT PRES WAS TOLD THAT BRINGING NUKES INTO JAPAN UNCLASSIFIED

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CUTS AGAINST GRAIN OF OFFICIAL JAPANESE POLICY (NOV 19).

SUN'S SEIDEN POINTS OUT THAT BENEATH BOWS, SMILES AND PLEDGES OF FRIENDSHIP, GOJ REMAINS INFLEXIBLE ON WHAT IS PROBABLY MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE AT STAKE IN TALKS -- OIL. GOJ STILL REFUSES TO COOPERATE IN OIL CONSUMERS' MOVEMENT IF IT MEANS GETTING TOUGH AND RISKING FRIENDSHIP OF ARAB PRODUCERS, ACCORDING HIGH GOJ SOURCE.

CHITRIB'S YATES, IN TOKYO, FOUND THAT PRES' INVITATION TO EMPEROR BROUGHT GASPS OF DISPLEASURE FROM JAPAN'S LEADING OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES -- INCLUDING CHARGE EMPEROR IS BEING USED AS POLITICAL PAWN, AND CONCERN ABOUT HOW EMPEROR WOULD REACT TO HUMILIATION OF BEING FORCED TO DECLINE THIS SECOND US INVITATION -- WHICH IS DEFINITE POSSIBILITY IF ENOUGH OPPOSITION IS RAISED. NYT'S BUTTERFIELD, IN TOKYO, SAYS UNPRECEDENTED TELEVISIONING OF EMPEROR'S BANQUET WAS SEEN AS INDICATION OF IMPORTANCE GOJ ATTACHED TO RELATIONS WITH US. BUT IT WAS ONLY BRIEF LOOK FOR JAPANESE PUBLIC; AFTER EXCHANGE OF TOASTS, CAMERAS TURNED OFF.

NOT WANTING TO CREATE FLAP, GOJ LOOKED THE OTHER WAY AS SS BODYGUARDS ENTERED COUNTRY MONDAY CARRYING WEAPONS IN VIOLATION OF JAPANESE LAW. LAST WEEK, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TOLD CHITRIB THAT PRES' BODYGUARDS WOULD HAVE TO TURN OVER THEIR WEAPONS. BUT ACCORDING TO AMEMBASSY SOURCE, DOS ALLEGEDLY TOLD GOJ IN 'NO UNCERTAIN TERMS' THAT IT WOULD BE INCONCEIVABLE FOR AN AMERICAN PRES TO VISIT ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY UNPROTECTED BY HIS BODYGUARDS.

ASSESSING VISIT, S-N'S JOHNSTON SAYS ITS PAGEANTRY HAS BEEN PRODUCER'S DREAM, PUNCTUAL, EFFICIENT AND BLESSED BY PERFECT FALL WEATHER. FOR TREWHITT, SCHEDULE WAS PURSUED IN ATMOSPHERE OF INTRICATE ORIENTAL CEREMONY, IN LAND WHERE CEREMONY IS AN ART, WITH WESTERN EFFICIENCY THAT CHARACTERIZES MODERN JAPAN.

WP'S CHESHIRE REPORTS THAT WHEN EMPEROR GREETED PRES, BOTH WERE SUPPOSED TO BE WEARING SAME FORMAL ATTIRE
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SPECIFIED BY HOST COUNTRY: CUT-AWAY COAT, DARK VEST, SOFT-COLLARED SHIRT, GRAY SILK TIE AND STRIPED TROUSERS.

INSTEAD, PRES WAS DRESSED IN "FATHER-OF-THE-BRIDE" OUTFIT FEATURING ASCOT, PEARL-GRAY WESKIT AND STIFF-WINGED COLLAR; TROUSERS BAGGED AT KNEE AND WERE TOO SHORT. WH ADVANCE MEN, COORDINATING WITH DOS, HAD SENT AROUND TWO MEMOS ADVISING MEMBERS OF ENTOURAGE THAT JAPANESE HAD SPECIFIED GARB FOR EVERY OFFICIAL OCCASION. DOS OFFICIALS WONDER IF PRES OR HAK (WHO ALSO WORE ASCOT) EVER GOT THE MESSAGES.

2. KOREA

PARK OPPONENTS (THIS TIME 20 US MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN) CONTINUE CALLS FOR PRES TO CANCEL SEOUL VISIT OR MAKE CLEAR THAT IT IS NOT MEANT TO SUPPORT REGIME. PARK INVITES KIM YOUNG SAM, LEADER OF OPPOSITION NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY, TO STATE DINNER FOR FORD; OPPOSITION SOURCES SAY KIM EXPECTS AN AUDIENCE WITH PRES (WP).

AFTER DISCOVERY OF ALLEGED NK TUNNEL, SK NATL ASSEMBLY ASKED UN TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES AGAINST "ACT OF AGGRESSION." UN COMMAND SPOKESMAN SAYS NK IGNORED REQUEST TO SEND JOINT OBSERVER TEAM TO TUNNEL (CSM). NK TURNS DOWN CALL BY UN COMMAND FOR MEETING TO DISCUSS TENSION IN DMZ, BUT SUGGESTS SUCH A MEETING AFTER FORD VISIT (WP).

LAT (11/19) CARRIES FOUR-PAGE AD ON KOREA, FEATURING ARTICLES ON HISTORY, TOURISM, "MIRACULOUS" ECON DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE.

3. INDOCHINA

SHIPLER (NYT) IN SAIGON REPORTS THAT LULL CONTINUES IN ANTI-GVN PROTESTS AND OPPOSITION NEWSPAPERS RESUMED PUBLICATION AFTER TWO-DAY HALT TO PROTEST PASSAGE OF PRESS BILL REVISION. THIEU REPORTEDLY STILL HAVING TROUBLE REPLACING FOUR CABINET MINISTERS WHO RESIGNED THREE WEEKS AGO, WITH MAIN DIFFICULTY FINDING SOMEONE OF STATURE TO TAKE UNCLASSIFIED

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ECON JOB. SHIPLER OBSERVES THAT PROTEST MOVEMENTS HAVE NOT COME UP WITH ALTERNATIVE TO THIEU, NOR HAVE VARIOUS ANTI-GVN FACTIONS BEGUN TO COALESCE AROUND COMMON THERE. REV THANH URGES COUNCIL TO TAKE-OVER POLICY-MAKING FOR GVN, BUT "IDEA HAS WON LITTLE APPLAUSE." THANH RENEWS ATTACKS ON THIEU, SAYS CORRUPTION BLUNTS ARMY, THAT PRESENT GOVT INCAPABLE OF STOPPING COMMUNIST ADVANCE; ADVOCATES "PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE" WITH COMMUNISTS AND POLITICAL STRUGGLE THAT WILL MAKE COMMUNISTS LEGAL BUT MINORITY PARTY IN NATIONAL COMMUNITY.

NVN OFFICIALS IN PARIS SAY LE DUC THO AND XUAN THUY LEFT HANOI MONDAY ON WAY TO FRANCE AT INVITATION OF FRENCH CP (REUTER, CHITRIB).

4. CHINA

AFP PEKING (PHINQ) CITES PRC FONOFF DENIAL THAT CHOU HAD SURGERY FOR STOMACH CANCER.

AFP NOV 19 DISPATCH FROM PEKING (WP) REPORTS CHIAO KUAN HUA'S FIRST MEETING AS NEW FM WITH FOREIGN VISITOR, FORMER COLOMBIAN PRES PASTRANA BORRERO. CHINESE PUBLIC FIRST LEARNED OF CHIAO'S NEW POSITION BY READING OF HIS MEETING WITH COLOMBIAN.

AP BANGKOK (NYT) CITES RTG SOURCES QUOTING PRC OFFICIALS THAT THEY HAD BEEN SETTING UP SO MANY NEW FOREIGN MISSIONS THEY ARE RUNNING SHORT OF DIPLOMATS.

WSJ REPORTS EX-IM BANK 11.2 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN AND OTHER FUNDING FOR EXPANSION OF GOVT-OWNED TAIWAN FERTILIZER CO., WHICH WILL BUY US EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR TWO PLANTS TO BE BUILT AT MIAOLI. M.W. KELLOGG CO. TO SUPPLY ENGINEERING SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR BOTH.

5. INDONESIA

NOV 19 AFP REPORT FROM JAKARTA (WP) SAYS SECURITY TROOPS
ARRESTED 18 COMMUNIST OFFICIALS IN SUMATRA AND W
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KALIMANTAN.

6. JAPAN

JOC TOKYO REPORTS JAPANESE COPPER SMELTERS PLAN TO START
TALKS WITH FOREIGN EXPORTERS IN HOPE THAT PRODUCING
NATIONS WILL ALLOW LARGE-SCALE REDUCTIONS IN ORE
DELIVERIES TO JAPAN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL OF
COPPER EXPORTING COUNTRIES (CIPEC) OFFICIALS CLAIMED
THAT MASSIVE JAPANESE INGOT EXPORTS WERE RESPONSIBLE
FOR DECLINE IN WORLD COPPER PRICE, CHARGE WHICH CAUSED
TOKYO TO SUSPEND EXPORT LICENSES FOR INGOTS. JAPAN'S
SMELTERS REPORT THAT CONTINUOUS IMPORT OF ORE FROM COPEC
NATIONS WHILE DOMESTIC DEMAND IS EXTREMELY LOW IS BRINGING
ABOUT SERIOUS SURPLUS OF ORE.

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO REPORTS THAT TOYOTA, IN REPOSE
TO PROPOSAL BY CHRYSLER, MAY SEND DELEGATION OF BUSINESS

EXECS AND ENGINEERS TO AUSTRALIA FOR POSSIBLE TRY AT
REHABILITATING CHRYSLER'S AUSTRALIAN PLANT WHICH IDLED
BY HEAVY IMPORT OF JAPANESE AUTOS.

7. MALAYSIA

DELEGATION FROM PERSIAN GULF OIL-PRODUCING STATES ARRIVED
IN KL TO LOOK FOR INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES; WILL GO ON
TO SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA ON SIMILAR MISSION (AP CHITRIB).

8. PHILS

NAPOLEAN LECHOCO, DISTRAUGHT EXILE WHO HELD PHIL AMBASSA-
DOR AT GUNPOINT IN EMBASSY, COMMITTED TO MENTAL HOSPITAL
FOR EXAMINATION. SECOND HOSTAGE, ECON ATTACHE, RECEIVED
GUNSHOT WOUND, WAS TREATED AND RELEASED BY HOSPITAL.
MAGISTRATE REJECTS LECHOCO'S LAWYERS' ARGUMENT THAT
US LACKS JURISDICTION BECAUSE OFFENSE COMMITTED ON
"FOREIGN SOIL" AND PHILS GOVT HAS PROMISED NOT TO PROSE-
CUTE (ANTEVIL, NYDN; AP SUN, PHINQ). LECHOCO'S SON LEAVES
MANILA FOR US. IN BROADCAST, MARCOS SAYS THAT IF
LECHOCO MADE "SIMPLE REQUEST," SON'S EXIT VISA COULD
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HAVE BEEN SPEEDED AND MATTER CLEARED UP QUICKLY (NYT). LECHOCO'S LAWYER ARGUES THAT ACTION RESULTED FROM "OVERWHELMING GRIEF" WHEN SON IN PHILS ACCUSED FATHER OF ABANDONING HIM. ON ARRIVAL IN SF, NAPOLEAN LECHOCO, JR., TELLS REPORTERS THAT HIS FATHER SHOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN AMBASSADOR HOSTAGE AND THAT HE HAD DELAYED DEPARTURE FOR US BECAUSE OF SCHOOL. PASSPORT WAS ISSUED JUNE 6 AND PERMISSION TO LEAVE RECEIVED OCT 11 (COHEN AND ROBINSON, WP). IN MANILA, GOVT DESCRIBES LECHOCO AS FORMER PRESIDENTIAL AIDE WHO FLED COUNTRY 16 YEARS AGO TO EVADE FRAUD CHARGE (CHITRIB). WP'S MANN AND SMITH GIVE BLOW-BY-BLOW DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS THAT OCCURRED AT PHIL EMBASSY.

PHIL GOVT ACCEPTS "CHALLENGE" OF TWO POLITICAL PRISONERS ON HUNGER STRIKE, ANNOUNCES IT WILL PUT THEM ON TRIAL. SPOKESMAN SAYS GOVT HAS STRONG EVIDENCE BUT HAD DELAYED TRIAL IN HOPE THAT "THERE MIGHT BE SOME POSSIBLE GROUND FOR CLEMENCY." PRISONERS ARE EUGENIO LOPEZ, JR. AND SERGIO OSMENA III, SONS OF POLITICAL OPPONENTS OF MARCOS CURRENTLY IN "VIRTUAL EXILE" IN US (AFP, WP).

MARCOS SAYS MOSLEM REBELS IN MINDANAO AGREED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS AFTER HE MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO ISLAND AND MET WITH LEADERS (AFP, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. EA TRIP

SUN'S TREWHITT OBSERVES THAT DESPITE EFFORT TO PUT THE PRES UP FRONT, HAK STILL IS VISIBLY PRIME ARCHITECT AND EXECUTOR OF US FOREIGN POLICY. SAYS WHAT HAS BECOME QUITE CLEAR DURING TOKYO MEETINGS IS THAT MOST SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ARE THOSE BEING CONDUCTED BY HAK, WHO LAID IT ALL OUT IN NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY. SUMMARIZING SUBSTANCE OF US-JAPAN DISCUSSIONS AS DISCLOSED AT NEWS CONFERENCE, TREWHITT VIEWS MST-RELATED NUCLEAR PROBLEM, FUTURE DISCUSSION OF WHICH HAK SAID WOULD BE HANDLED BY HIMSELF AND KIMURA, AS MOST SENSITIVE, AND ENERGY

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PROBLEM AS MOST COMPLEX.

10. AUSTRALIA

THOMAS MILLAR IN CSM SPECIAL DATELINED CANBERRA REVIEWS TANAKA'S RECENT VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND NZ; SEES IT REFLECTING JAPAN'S PREOCCUPATION WITH ASSURING LONG-TERM SUPPLIES OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS. AUSTRALIA PROVIDES NEARLY HALF OF JAPAN'S IMPORTS OF IRON ORE, AND MORE THAN HALF OF HER BAUXITE; AND FULLY A THIRD OF ALL AUSSIE EXPORTS GO TO JAPAN.

TO AUSTRALIA'S CHAGRIN, TANAKA MADE GOOD CASE FOR KEEPING FREEZE ON IMPORTS OF AUSSIE BEEF BUT APPARENTLY AGREED TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY COAL IMPORTS. TANAKA REVERSED EARLIER DECISION AND AGREED TO JOIN AUSTRALIA IN STUDYING FEASIBILITY OF BUILDING URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT IN AUSTRALIA - ON BASIS THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD SUPPLY URANIUM, JAPAN BUILD PLANT, AND UNSPECIFIED THIRD COUNTRY SUPPLY TECHNOLOGY. PRESUMABLY, ENRICHED URANIUM WOULD PROVIDE FUEL FOR JAPAN'S REACTORS. IN THIS CONNECTION, TANAKA MADE CLEAR THAT JAPAN WILL SIGN NPT, THUS ASSURING THAT AUSSIE URANIUM WILL NOT GO INTO DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

MILLAR SEES JAPANESE-AUSSIE RELATIONSHIP AS BASICALLY ECONOMIC, WITH BOTH SIDES CAUTIOUS ABOUT PUSHING IT TOO FAR. JAPAN APPRECIATES THAT AUSTRALIA IS POLITICALLY STABLE MINERAL QUARRY AND MARKET, BUT IT IS NOT IMPORTANT TO JAPAN POLITICALLY. AUSTRALIA, CONCERNED ABOUT BEING TOO DEPENDENT ON ANY ONE COUNTRY, FEARS POSSIBILITY THAT JAPAN MIGHT REPLACE ITS AUSTRALIAN MINERAL IMPORTS WITH PURCHASES ELSEWHERE. AUSSIES HAVE LINGERING MEMORIES OF WWII, AND SOME LATENT

FEAR THAT JAPAN MAY ONE DAY AGAIN RESORT TO FORCE TO SOLVE HER ECON PROBLEMS OR POLITICAL DESIRES. BUT ECON INTERDEPENDENCE IS FACT OF LIFE, AND GOA CAN SEE NEED TO TRANSLATE THIS INTO POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TERMS. CULTURAL GAP IS WIDE AND DEEP, BUT TANAKA'S VISIT MARKS ATTEMPT TO CLOSE IT.
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11. KOREA

WP'S OBERDORFER REVIEWS "WITHOUT PARALLEL: THE AMERICAN-KOREAN RELATIONSHIP SINCE 1945," EDITED BY FRANK BALDWIN. DESCRIBES BOOK AS COLLECTION OF TIMELY AND USEFUL STUDIES OF POST-WWII HISTORY AND CONDITIONS IN SK, "WRITTEN BY AUTHORS WITH A KEEN SENSE OF OUTRAGE ABOUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED." SAYS ARTICLES ARE OF UNEVEN QUALITY AND PERSUASIVENESS, BUT FINDS MOST OF THEM PROVIDE FOOD FOR

THOUGHT AND INTELLIGENT DEBATE AT TIME WHEN US ROLE IS
BEING QUESTIONED MORE THAN EVER BEFORE.

12. GENERAL

SEVERAL PAPERS RAN OBITS ON GLOBE DIPLOMATIC
CORRESPONDENT DARIUS JHABVALA, WHO DIED SUDDENLY
IN WASHINGTON NOV 19. INGERSOLL

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